

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 56 and 71 have been amended. Claims 1-49 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 50-76 are present for examination.

Objected

Claims 56 and 71 stand objected to for lack of antecedent basis. These claims are amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Double Patenting

Claims 50-58, 61-66 and 68-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 based on obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,173. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

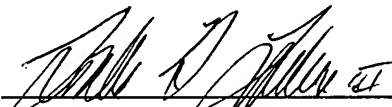
Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted,
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